[श्री माधव राव सिंधिया]

निरीक्षक की नियुक्ति की है; एक उड़ान अनुदेशक तथा एक प्रशिक्षु विमानचालक विमान में सवार थे ।

(च) विमान में सवार अकादमी के दो कर्मचारियों के आश्रितों को सहायता प्रदान की गई है ।

Manhandling of Air India Official on Board on IC-339

2150. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to a report published in the Mid-Day, Bombay of 21st October, 1992 captioned 'Strange Customs';

(b) whether it is a fact that an Air India official who posed himself as a CBI official was beaten up by passengers on board on Air India flight No. 339 on September 17, 1992 on the Bangkok-Delhi-Bombay sector;

(c) if so, what are the facts in this regard; and

(d) what action Government have taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There was no such flight on 17-9-1992. However, AI-339 departed Bangkok on 18-9-1992 and operated on Delhi-Bombay sector on 19-9-92. There was no such incident on this flight as alleged in the news report.

(c) and (d) : Do not arise.

Expenditure incurred on Publicity by Airlines

2151. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total expenditure incurred on publicity by Air India, Indian Airlines, Vayudoot and ITDC in terms of rupees (to be shown separately) during 1991-92 and how does it compare with the expenditure incurred on publicity in the year 1990-91;

(b) what are the languages in which the publicity material was printed by each of the airlines;

(c) what is the expenditure incurred on language-wise publicity by each of the airlines; and

(d) what is the total expenditure incurred on publicity by the Head Quarter and the State Organisations of these airlines (to be shown separately) ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) The total expenditure incurred on publicity by Air India, Indian Airlines, Vayudoot and ITDC is as follows :

	1991-92	1990-91
Air India	Rs. 13.75 Cr.	12.66 crores
Indian Airbnes	Rs. 74.14 Lacs	50.85 lacs
ITDC	Rs. 89.33 lacs	69.61 lacs
Vayudoot	Rs. 53,384/-	10,44,515/-

(b) and (c)

	Languages used	Language-wise expenditure
Air India	English, Hindi, Urdu' Malayalam, Tamil, Bengali and Gujarati.	Expenditure inourred on language-wise publicity is not maintained.
		Rs. in lakhs
Indian Airlines	English	43.68
	Hindi	13.10
	Malayalam	4.97
	Urdu	00.92
	Tamil	00.69
	Bengali	01.38
	Gujarati	00.35
	Marathi	00 40
	Assamese	00.18

Vayudoot : The expenditure was restricted to unavoidable advertisements like release of tenders/contracts in most of the cases, advertisements were released to only one English newspaper in each case.

(d) Expenditure during 1991-92

	Headquarters	Region	
Air India . .	Rs. 13.75 crores	Nil	—
Indian Airlines . .	Rs. 65.67 lakhs	North (Delhi)	Rs. 1.31 lakhs
		South (Madras)	Rs. 0.69 lakhs
		East (Calcutta)	Rs. 3.26 lakhs
		West (Bombay)	Rs. 3.21 lakhs
Vayudoot . .	Rs. 37409/-	North	Rs. 4,468/-
		South	Rs. 3,044/-
		East	Rs. 363/-
		West	Rs. 8,100/-

Collapse of an Aerobridge at Bombay Airport

2152. SHRI GURDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION & TOURISM be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 101 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th May, 1992 and state :

(a) whether the Committee has since submitted its report regarding the collapse of an aerobridge at the Santa Cruz airport in Bombay; and

(b) if so, what are the details therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) The incident has been enquired into by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation and International Airport Authority of India. According to the findings of the inquiry, the incident had occurred due to a malfunctioning in the autoleveller system of the aerobridge. The inquiry also reveals that sufficient care was not exercised at the time of testing the system before pressing it into operation. There was also dereliction of duty on the part of the aerobridge operator in not being present at the duty point. Suitable penalties have been imposed on officials found negligent in the performance of their duties. A fresh set